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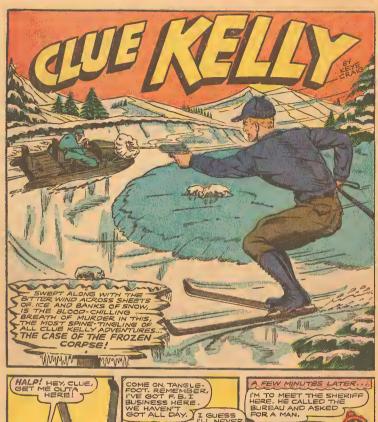






































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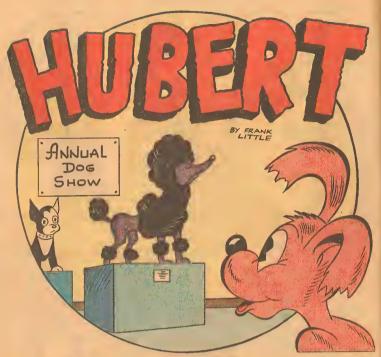






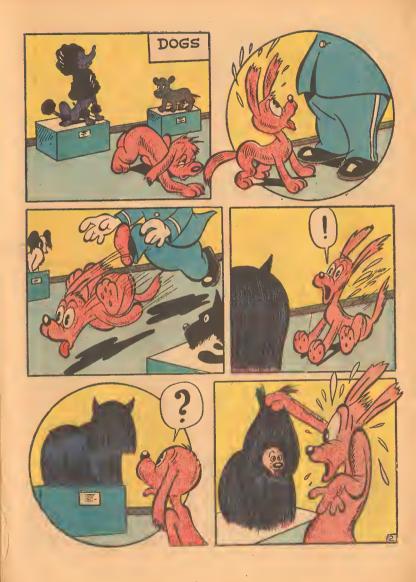
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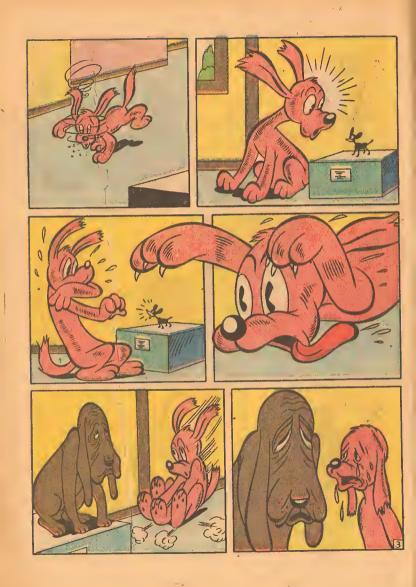




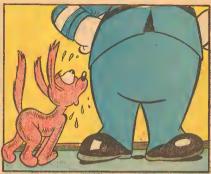










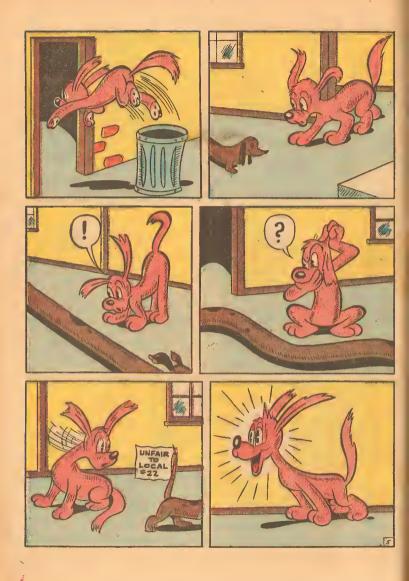




















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OH, ALL RIGHT:
WOULD N'T YOU CARE TO
GO, MISS GONZALES?
NO THANK YOU, I PROMISED MYSELF A SHOPPING TOUR TODAY.

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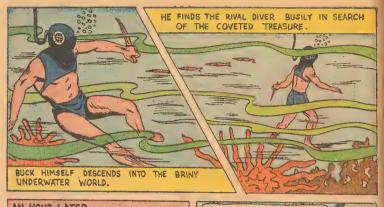






































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## THE COP AND THE STATUE

It was Marty Brian started the story. He swore by all the Irish saints that it was true. It seems that Marty had wandered a bit off his own beat one summer evening and found himself on Morning-side Drive, near where the statue of U. S. Grant stands. He glanced up to see another cop, Tom Higgins, standing in front of the statue. Tom didn't hear Marty coming—probably because he was busy talking to the statue!

"A lovely evening, sir." aaid Tom Higgins. "The kind of evening we used to have when I was a bey in the old country. Soft and warm, kind of like old Mother Nature had taken off her beat coat and wrapped the whole world in it."

Now that kind of poetic talk was too much for Marty. He was about to step out and guffaw at Tom when he heard another voice speaking from the shadows near the atatue. It was a harsh voice, with a growl in it, and it was answering Tom.

"Sure it's a fine night, Tom Higgins! Too fine to be spoiled by the likes of you spouting such fancy talk. Now get along on your beat and do what a cop is supposed to do—the idea, standing around talking to statues!"

Marty recognized that other voice. It was that of Captain Neil O'Hara, who had risen from pounding a beat, and was a stickler for discipline and attention to duty. Marty slid away into the gloom and double-timed it down the street. And as he went he breathed a sigh of relief that he was not in the boots of Tom Higgins. who was certainly getting a dressing down at that very moment.

The next day in the locker room Marty told the boys all about it. Told it right in front of Tom, who turned a deep shade of crimson and glared at the laughing Marty, but made no explanation of why he had been conversing with a statue. "It's a poet we have in our midst," said Marty "and every evening he discusses the beauties of nature with his friend, Mr. Grant." Marty roared with laughter. "Don't it get kind of monotonous, Tom, talking to a bronze statue?"

Tom's usually good natured face was set in hard lines and his big fists were doubled, but after a moment he turned and walked away. Everyone breathed easier, for no one wished to see the joke go too far and end in blows.

But just as Tom reached the door Marty opened his big blab again. "And how did Captain O'Hara llke your fine talk?" he asked. "Sure he's from the old country himself and he must have hated seeing you waste your blarney on that statue."

Tom, who had been just about to leave, turned slowly around. Several men moved quickly to get between the two. But Tom was smiling now, a wide Irish smile that broke the tension.

"So you heard the Captain?" Tom was still smiling. "You heard what the Captain said to me?"

"Of course. I've got ears, haven't I?"
Some of Marty'a bluster was gone now and a note of puzzlement was in his voice.
"I stood right there behind a tree and heard the Captain catch you talking to that statue. And the sharp edge of his tongue he was giving you, too!"

Tom went up to Marty and stuck out his hand. Marty, who might have been expecting a blow instead, took it cautiously. Tom's smile got wider and, very formal like, he said: "You have made me very happy, Mr. Brian. Very happy indeed—and now a very good evening to you. I have an engagement with a certain bronze gentlemen on Morningside Drive."

And out he goes, whistling, and leaving Marty Brian with an open mouth and staring eyes. When Marty finally remembered to close his mouth he put a finger to his temple and made a little whirling motion. "I will be a banahee's uncle," said Marty. "The little people have got him!"

So that was the atory. It apread until every cop in town knew about Tom Higgins and the statue. It became quite the thing to ask Tom about his friend, Mr. Grant, and to chuckle when he told you that the gentleman was just fine. Tom seemed to take it well, and actually seemed to enjoy being questioned about Mr. Grant.

Then, one night about three months later, Marty Brian again walked down Morningside Drive and straight into trouble!

He was nearing the state of Grant, and wondering where Tom was, when a sedan pulled up just ahead of him. A door opened and Marty saw a man, as limp as an old potato sack, dumped into the gutter. Instinctively he knew the man was dead. He grabbed at his .38 and put a fusillade of ahots into the rear of the car, knowing, with a cop's sure knowledge, that he was dealing with killers.

His bullets hit the gas tank and the two rear tires. The car slewed wildly sideways, plowed through a hedge, and stopped against the front of an apartment building.

Marty started to run for the car. Suddenly a man came up out of the wreckage and a machine gun chattered. The hail of tommy gun lead smashed the pistol out of Marty's hand, smashing the bones of the arm with it, and he was facing the killer helpleasly. But the death he expected then didn't come. The thug jammed the tommy gun into Marty's belly and told him to turn around, all the time looking at something over Marty's shoulder.

"March over to that statue," snarled the gunman. "And don't move too fast. And you, copper, drop that gun and do the same. One wrong move and your buddy here gets it in the stomach!"

Marty, dazed and sick with the pain in his arm, turned and obeyed. And saw Tom Higgins, to whom the thug has been talking, moving ahead of him. Instantly he understood. Tom had come running up and had had the man covered until he seized Marty for a shield. And rather than shoot to ut with the certainty that Marty would

be killed first, Tom had obeyed the killer

and dropped his gun.

They reached the statue. The cold snow of the machine gun was in Marty's back. When the gunman apoke again a note of hysteria had crept into his voice. Cold fingers pinched at Marty's spine. The man was obviously doped and intent on killing them both. He and Tom were as helpless as babes.

"They'll maybe get me for this," snarless the man. "But there'll be two coppera that won't know about it. Now you get it..."

A gruff voice spoke from behind the gunman, "You'll get it! If you don't put up your hands!"

The man whirled, cursing. The gun clastered, but the bullets were hardly faster than Tom and Marty, leaping from behind. It was over when Tom laid his big knucle-led fist against the man's jaw.

Marty stopped. Marty stared. There was no one except a frightened janitor from the apartment house. Sirens were beginning to sound now, however, and a red light was closing in some blocks down the drive. And, of course, there was Tom Higgins.

Marty gasped. "But where did the Captain go? I heard his voice. It was him stuck the guy up from behind and . . ."

"Sure and you're some cop," said the voice of Captain O'Hara. "Not knowing a real man from a bronze statue. And not knowing the real voice of Captain O'Hara from the imitation!"

Marty stared at the statue. It was talking. Then he looked at Tom and caught the slight tremor of his lips. Marty began to laugh. "It was you, Tom Higgins. You and your ventriloquism! But you're good, man. I would have sworn it was the Captain speaking from behind that fellow."

Tom winked at him. "Sure I'm good. I ought to be good. Me and Mr. Grant here bave been practising for a long time. But I was getting discouraged until you gave me a boost."

Marty stared. "Me? I gave you a boost

"Sure," said Tom. "You thought it was the Captain that night, bawling me out. That convinced me I was pretty good."

He nodded toward the unconscious killer. "I guess I am pretty good, at that!"





























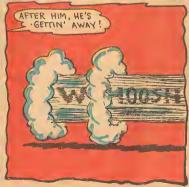




































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